

I strongly urge you reject expanding media ownership on Monday's hearing. Further media conglomeration will make it more difficult for citizens to find varying viewpoints in addition to the many other threats that I am sure you are by now sick of hearing. I personally believe that further media conglomeration poses a bigger threat to our nation than any terrorist organization or nation, as a democracy with limited avenues of information is ultimately doomed to failure. It is vital to our nation that people have access to many viewpoints. As it is, I more often rely on the foreign press for news, as I have found much of the American press coverage largely worthless. Further mergers in the media industry will only serve to exacerbate this problem. Regrettably, I fear you have already made your decision, and my opinion will not count for much, but I feel that this is an issue of such magnitude that even the most futile of efforts must be made, as once these changes are made, they will never be undone. I suggest that should you allow further consolidation of the media, the FCC will do more to undermine freedom and democracy than any external entity could hope to achieve.